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Long Beach, Calif. — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Walt C. Dannenberg as the new director of the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. Dannenberg will oversee delivery of health care to more than 56,000 Veterans who live in Long Beach and Orange County.

“We are excited to bring Mr. Dannenberg on board as the new director of the VA Long Beach Healthcare System,” said Marie L. Weldon, FACHE, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 22 Director. “His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. We anticipate he will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 to 60 days to begin his appointment.”

Dannenberg was most recently the Acting Deputy Medical Center Director and Associate Director at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, one of VA’s most complex health care systems with a budget of \$1.03 billion and 6,300 staff and volunteers, serving Veterans in a 10-county area.

Dannenberg began his career with VA as a Graduate Healthcare Administrative Fellow at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in Little Rock, Arkansas. He also served as the Assistant Director for VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle. In 2015, he served as the Acting Director for the Amarillo VA Health Care System.

Dannenberg is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE) and has served in a leadership role with the South Texas Chapter of the ACHE. He received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Texas A&M University and his master’s degree in Healthcare and Business Administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He is a graduate of VISN and VA leadership development programs.

The VA Long Beach Healthcare System provides delivery of health care to more than 56,000 Veterans throughout Southern California including the City of Long Beach and all of Orange County. VA Long Beach is also home to one of VA’s largest Spinal Cord Injury Units and to the new Major Charles Robert Soltes Jr. O.D. Blind Rehabilitation Center.

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